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THE

Countess of MORTON's

Daily Exercise :

OR, A

BOOK

OF

PRAYERS

AND

RULES

How to spend the time in the
Service and Pleasure of
Almighty God.

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TO THE
Right Honourable
The LADY
ANNE
Countess of
MARESHALL:
AND
To the Pious Memory of
Her Excellent Mother
The Lady **ANNE**
Late Countess of
MORETON.

*By whose earnest desire
and Religious care, this
BOOK was framed, and*
A 2 *made*

made her devout Exercise
whilst she lived, recom-
mending the Transcript
and Use thereof to many
others; and particularly to
her who now publisheth and
presenteth it to the Religi-
ous and private Use of all
Devout Persons, according
to the desire of the Honour-
able L A D Y, to whom it
is Dedicated, By

Her Ladilhip's

most humble Servant,

M. G.

I Have perused this Book,
and finding nothing in
it but what may tend to the
increase of Private Devo-
tion and Piety, I recommend
it to my Lord, the Bishop
of London, for his Licence
to have it Printed.

JO. DURESME.

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PSAL.

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*In the Morning and
Evening, and at Noon-
day, will I pray, and
that instantly; and he
shall hear my Voice.*

PRAYERS
IN THE
MORNING.

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PRAYERS

IN THE

MORNING.

In the Morning.

At Uprising.

E*Very Day let the first thing you do, and the first word you speak, tend to the Worship and acknowledgment of Almighty God.*

For upon our first Thoughts commonly the Thoughts and Actions of the whole Day do depend : Therefore when you first awake in the Morning, lift up your heart to God, and say,

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I. Bles-

In the Morning.

I.

Blessed be the most
Holy, Glorious, and
Undeiled Trinity, now
and for evermore.

II.

Blessed art thou, O
Lord, who enlightnest
mine Eyes, and sufferest
me not to sleep in death.

III.

Blessed art thou, for
thou hast created all
things, and for thy Will's
sake they are, and were
Created.

IV.

The Almighty Lord
be now and evermore
my

In the Morning.

my defence, and vouch-
safe to bless and preserve
me from all evil this day
and for ever. *Amen.*

When you are Risen,

*Retire your self, and hum-
bly kneeling, adore God,
and say,*

O Holy Lord God
Almighty, before
whom all Knees do bend
and to whom all Crea-
tures in Heaven and
Earth do bow and obey
behold, here I pro-
strate

In the Morning.

strate my self before thee,
adoring the Divine Ex-
cellency of thy sovereign
and infinite Majesty, with
all the Powers of my
Soul, submitting my self
with all lowliness and
reverence to the great-
ness of thy Dominion
and Power, and desiring
nothing more than faith-
fully to serve thee all the
days of my life ; for Thou
art only Holy, Thou only
art the Lord : and Glory
be to thee, O Lord, most
High. *Amen.*

Having

In the Morning.

*Having thus made your
Adoration and Submissi-
on to God, let these be
your Prayers and Devo-
tions every Morning.*

OUR Father which
art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in
Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our
daily Bread. And for-
give us our Trespases,
as we forgive them that
Trespas against us. And
lead us not into Tempta-
tion ;

In the Morning.

tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Confession of Sins, and
Prayers for Pardon.*

I.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; I come unto thee in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear do
I

In the Morning.

I cast my self down before thee, most humbly lamenting my Sins, and craving of Thee, the God of all Mercy and Goodness, perfect Remission and Forgiveness, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O Thou Maker of all things, and Judge of all Men, I acknowledge and bewail the many and manifold Sins which from time to time I have most grievously committed, by my Thoughts, Words, and Deeds

In the Morning.

deeds against thy most
Holy Commandments :
provoking thereby most
justly thy Wrath and
Indignation against me.
I do earnestly Repent,
and am heartily sorry
for these my Misdoings ;
O rebuke me not in
thine Indignation, nei-
ther chasten me in thy
heavy Displeasure ; but
have mercy upon me,
for thy Goodness, have
mercy upon me, and for-
give me all that is past :
and grant that I may
always study to serve
thee , and please thee
here-

In the Morning.

Hereafter in all godliness
and pureness of life, to
the Honour and Glory
of thy Blessed Name,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Psalm.

THE Lord is loving
unto every Man,
and his Mercy is over all
his Works.

He forgiveth us all
our Sins, and hath com-
passion upon all our In-
firmities.

His Loving-kindness is
better than life it self,
and

In the Morning.

and therefore shall my
Soul praise him.

Blessed art thou,
Lord, who wilt not call
out my Prayer, nor turn
away thy Mercy from
me.

As long as I live will
I magnifie thee on this
manner, and lift up my
hands in thy Name.

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost ;*

*As it was in the begin-
ning, &c.*

The

In the Morning.

The Lesson.

T*Ake heed that ye walk
circumspectly, re-
deeming the time, because
the days are evil. Be fer-
vent in good works, and
serve the Lord with all glad-
ness of heart. Be patient
in tribulation, and conti-
nue instant in Prayer. Be
courteous and meek; and as
much as lieth in you live
peaceably with all Men: and
whatsoever ye would that
others should do unto you, do
so to them; for this is the
Law and the Prophets.*

The

In the Morning.

The Hymn.

Vouchsafe, O Lord
to keep me this
day without Sin.
To shut and close my
wandring Eye,
Lest it let in Vanity.
To keep my Heart as
pure and free
From fond and troubled
Fantasie ;
To guide my Tongue,
so that no strife
May breed disquiet in
my Life :
To keep all harm, all ill
away,

While

In the Morning.

while I duly spend the
Day.

Or this.

O Holy Ghost, my
Soul inspire,
And lighten with Cele-
stial Fire.
Thy blessed Unction from
above
Is Comfort, Life, and
Fire of Love.
Anoint and clear my soil-
ed Face
With the abundance of
thy Grace.
Be thou my joy, my rest,
my home,
Where

In the Morning.

Where thou art so, none
can come.

Teach me to know thee
Father, Son,
And thee of Both to be
but One :

That day by day, all my
Life long

This may be my endless
Song ;

To Thee all Honour.
Praise and Merit.

Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit. *Amen.*

In the Morning.

**A Devout Confession
of our Christian and
Catholick Faith ;**

*With Explications and
Prayers relating there-
unto.*

I Believe in thee, O
God the Father Al-
mighty, Maker of Heaven
and Earth ; loving thee
as my Father, reverence-
ing thee as the *Almigh-*
y, and committing my
Soul and my Body to
thee as to a faithful
Creator.

In the Morning.

Creator. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory, Honour, and Power; for, thou hast created all things, and for thy Will's sake they are and were created.

II. *I believe in Thee*
O thou King of Glory
the Everlasting Son of God
the Father, and our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Great
Mystery of Godliness
God manifest in the
Flesh, and sent into the
World for our Eternal
Salvation in the World
to come.

III. *I believe that the*

In the Morning.

*st conceived by the Holy
ghost, and born of the Bles-
ed Virgin Mary without
spot of Sin, thereby to
 cleanse us from all Sin.*

IV. I believe that thou
didst *suffer* what other-
wise we must have suffer-
ed for ever. That thou
wast Crucified to set us
free from the Curse of the
Law.

That thou didst *die*,
and thereby take away
the sting of Death.

That thou wast *buried*
in the Grave, and hadst
the Victory over it; to
assure us that our Bodies

B shall

In the Morning.

shall not corrupt there
for ever.

V. I believe that thou
didst *Descend into Hell*
to triumph over it, and
to free us from the Fear
of ever coming into that
Place.

That the *Third Day*
thou didst *rise again from*
the Dead in our Nature
the First-fruits of them
that are asleep in the
Graves, who are thereby
assured that they all
shall not sleep there fo
ever.

VI. I believe that thou
didst *Ascend up into He*

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ven, there to prepare a Place for us.

That thou now *sittest at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty*, there to make Intercession for us, our only Advocate with the Father.

VII. I believe that thence thou shalt come to receive us, and to be the Judge of the Quick and the Dead, after which thy Kingdom shall have no end.

All this I stedfastly believe of thee, O my Blessed Saviour, beseeching thee to give me

In the Morning.

Grace , that I may be
made conformable to Thy
Image ; in Faith, to Thy
Conception ; in Humility,
to Thy *Birth* ; in Sympa-
thy, to Thy *Passion* ; and
in Mortifying my Sins,
to Thy *Death and Burial* :
to 'Thy *Descent into Hell*,
by frequent Meditation
thereof ; and to Thy Re-
surrection, by my rising
from Sin to newness of
Life : to thine *Ascension*,
by seeking after those
things which be above ;
and to Thy *Coming to*
Judgment, by judging my
self here, that I may not
be

In the Morning.

be there condemned with the World.

VIII. *I believe* also in thee, *O Holy Spirit*, the Lord and Giver of Life, the Infuser of all Heavenly Graces, and the Leader of thy Church in all the ways of Truth and Holiness.

IX. I believe therefore *the Holy Catholick Church*, the Mystical Body of *Christ*, whereof *He* is the only *Head*.

I believe *the Communion of Saints*, being joyn'd together in Faith, Hope and Charity, and mutu-

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In the Morning.

ally participating of one anothers Prayers.

X. I believe the *Remission of Sins* in this World, given and sealed to Us by the sacred Ordinances of God.

XI. I believe the *Resurrection of our Bodies* at the end of the World, to be united to our Souls.

XII. And I believe *the Life Eternal* in the World to come, where we shall be in happiness with Christ for ever.
Amen.

Prayers

In the Morning.

P R A Y E R S.

I.

A Lmighty God, who
of thy Goodness
hast defended me from
the perils of this Night,
and safely brought me
to the beginning of this
Day, preserve me in the
same, I most humbly be-
seech thee, by thy migh-
ty Power, from all Sin,
and Danger, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

II.

A Lmighty and Ever-
living God, vouch-
safe

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In the Morning.

safe, I beseech Thee, to direct, sanctifie, and govern both my Soul and Body in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments; that through thy most gracious Protection. I may be preserved from all Evil, both this day and for ever, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

Possess my Mind, O Lord, continually with thy Presence, and make me to have a perpetual fear and love of
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In the Morning.

Thy Holy Name, teaching me to do those things that may be pleasing to Thee, and profitable to my Salvation, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

LEAD me forth, O Lord, in thy Truth, and learn me ; for Thou art the God of my Salvation, and in Thee shall be my hope all the day long.

V.

TO Thee, O King Eternal, be all Glory and Honour, now and for ever. *Amen.* *Con-*

In the Morning.

*Conclude your Prayers
with a remembrance of
all your Friends, and
of all them that belong
unto you, saying,*

INto thy Blessed Hands
and Protection, O
Lord, I commend my
Spirit, Soul, and Body,
together with all Them
whom thou hast graci-
ously given unto me, and
to whom I do any way
relate: Preserve them,
O Lord, in thy Favour
and Fear, increasing and
multiplying thy Blessings
upon them, and forgive
them

In the Morning.

them their sin; keep them
in perpetual Peace and
Safety, for the love of thy
only Son *Jesus Christ* our
Lord. *Amen.*

*And ask Pardon for all
the Distractions and Ir-
reverences committed by
you in his Divine Pre-
sence, during this time
that you have spoken to
him.*

in the Morning

I have been thinking of you
 in the quiet of the night
 and how the years have flown
 and how the days have sped
 and how the hours have passed
 and how the minutes have slipped
 and how the seconds have ticked
 and how the moments have slipped
 and how the minutes have slipped
 and how the hours have passed
 and how the days have sped
 and how the years have flown
 and how the quiet of the night
 has been thinking of you

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OF
PRAYERS
FOR
EVERY DAY.

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OF
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*A brief Litany for every
Day.*

O Most Blessed, Un-
divided and Glo-
rious Trinity, and one
Eternal God,

Have mercy upon me.

Call to remembrance,
O Lord, thy tender Mer-
cies which have been
ever of old ; and remem-
ber not my Offences, nor
the Offences of our Fore-
fathers ; but after thy
great goodness have mer-
cy, and spare me, whom
thy Son our Lord hath re-
deemed with his most
precious Blood.

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The Litany.

*Have mercy upon me, and
spare me, O Lord.*

From all Evil and Mis-
chief, from Pride and
Vain-glory, and from all
the Deceits of the World,
the Flesh and the Devil,
Good Lord deliver me.

From all Perils and
Dangers, both of my Soul
and Body; from extre-
mity of Sicknes, and
from sudden Death,

Good Lord deliver me.

By thy manifold and
great Mercies, by the
Mercies of our Blessed
Saviour, by his bitter
Cross and Passion, by
his

The Litany.

his mighty Resurrection,
by his most glorious As-
cension, and by his most
effectual and acceptable
Intercession,

Good Lord deliver me.

In all time of Tribula-
tion and Adversity, in the
time of my last and great-
est Need, in the Hour of
Death, and at the Day of
Judgment,

Good Lord deliver me.

Deliver me, O Lord, as
Thou hast delivered all
thy blessed Saints and
Servants, from the guilt
and burthen of my Sins,
and from Thy Wrath
and

The Litany.

and everlasting indigna-
tion.

*Good Lord, I beseech
thee to hear me.*

That it may please
thee to preserve me in
thy Faith, Fear and
Love; and that I may
evermore have affiance
in thy Mercy, and ever
study to serve thee in
Holiness and Purity of
Life.

*Good Lord, I beseech
thee to hear me.*

That it may please thee
daily to encrease in me
thy manifold Gifts of
Grace, and that I may
bring

The Litany.

bring forth the fruits of
the Spirit, and ever seek
thy Honour and Glory.

*Good Lord, I beseech
thee to hear me.*

That it may please thee
to have mercy upon all
Men.

*Good Lord, I beseech
thee to hear me.*

That it may please thee
to save and preserve our
most Gracious King, and
all the Royal Family.

*Good Lord, I beseech
thee to hear me.*

That it may please thee
to reduce them that
have gone astray from
thy

The Litany.

thy ways, to comfort
them that are in Sorrow,
to relieve them that are
in Need and Tribulation,
and to amend all our
Lives according to thy
Holy Word.

*Good Lord, I beseech
thee to hear me.*

O Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins
of the World,

*Have Mercy upon me,
and grant me thy
Peace, Amen.*

RULES
AND
PRAYERS
FOR THE
AFTERNOON.

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Rules and Advertisements how to imploy your time.

I.

PAss the Day in such Employments as may be most meet and agreeable to that condition of Life wherein God hath placed you.

II.

Come not to the place where Sin dwells; and avoid all corrupt Company whereto it resorts. Religion hath no greater Enemy than Conuersing with such; of whom

Rules and

whom your heart telleth
you that there is neither If
Faith nor Fear of God
in them.

III.

Be careful to demean your
self affably and peace-
bly towards all those
with whom you shall
have just occasion to A
converse.

IV.

Let not either your Actions
or your Discourses be
vain and frivolous, but
tending either to im-
prove your Judgment, or
to better your Affection.

V. If

Advertisements.

V.

If you have the Govern-
ment of a Family, take
special heed that they
live not disorderly or
idlely, to the offence of
Almighty God, and the
scandal of others.

VI.

And forget not (as often
as you can) to be pre-
sent, and to assist at the
Publick Offices and Di-
vine Services of the
Church, there to at-
tend and perform the
Homage and Wership
of Almighty God, and
to be instructed in his

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Rules, &c.

*holy Word : for that is a
Duty and a Service most
highly pleasing to him.*

VII.

*Remember (and you will
much help your self, if you
remember it) that you are
continually in the pre-
sence of God, and ought
to live continually in his
Fear, and in obedience to
his Commandments.*

VIII.

*Upon all occasions offer-
ed to you, exercise your
Charity, and let not
the Day pass you with-
out*

After-noon.

*out some good work done
by you, either of real
Honour to God, or of
real Charity to them that
want it.*

After-noon.

*After-noon retire your self
a while, and use the
Psalm, Lesson, Hymn,
and Prayers following.*

UNto thee I lift up
mine Eyes, O thou
that dwellest in the Hea-
vens : My Soul waiteth
still upon thee, that thou
mayest bless me.

After-noon.

O hearken thou unto
the voice of my calling,
my King and my God ;
for unto thee do I make
my Prayers.

Shew Thou me the
way that I should walk
in, and teach me to do
the thing that pleaseeth
Thee.

I will take heed to my
ways, that I offend not
in my tongue ; and I will
make a covenant with
mine eyes, that they be-
hold not vanity.

O let not my foot-
steps erre from the Path
of thy Commandments.

But

After-noon.

But let my delight be in walking after the Precepts of thy Law.

Thy Law is an undefiled Law, converting the Soul and giveth light unto the Eyes.

Keep thy Servant from all presumptuous sins, that they may not get the dominion over me ; and cleanse thou me from all my secret faults.

That so I may be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Glory be to the Father——

After-noon.

The Lesson.

IF Sinners entice thee,
do not thou consent
unto them. These things
doth the Lord abhor: A
proud look and a lying
Tongue, an Heart that
deviseth Wickedness and
Mischief, a false Witness
that speaketh not the
Truth, and whosoever
soweth Discord among o-
thers. In the multitude
of Words there will be Sin.
Keep Innocency, and do
the thing that is right, for
that will bring a Man
peace

After-noon.

peace at the last. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus: and confess him to be the Lord, who was obedient to the Death of the Cross for the Redemption of Mankind, unto the Praise and Glory of God the Father.

The Hymn.

WH O more can
crave, (done
Than God for me hath
To free a Slave,
That gave his only Son?
Bless'd be that Hour
When he repaired our loss;

After-noon.

I never will
Forget my Saviour's
Cross.

The Prayers.

I.

O God who knowest
the frailties and in-
firmities of my weak na-
ture, and in the midst of
how many Dangers I
live, being continually
subject to the deceits of
the World, the Flesh, and
the Devil, and having no
Power of my self to help
my self, mercifully look
upon me: and because
I

After-noon.

I cannot continue in safety without thy Succour, preserve me evermore by thy help and Goodness, and keep me both outwardly in my Body, and inwardly in my Soul; that among the fundry and manifold Dangers of this World, my Heart may be set to attain Everlasting Salvation, and my Affections may surely there be fixed where true Joys are to be found, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

After-noon.

II.

O God, the strength
of all that trust in
thee, mercifully accept
these my humble Suppli-
cations and Prayers ; and
grant me the help of thy
Grace, that I may please
Thee both in Will and
Deed, and obtain thy
Peace all the Days of my
life, through *Jesus Christ*
our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

A Almighty and Ever-
living God, I give
Thee most humble
thanks, for that Thou
hast vouchsafed favour-
ably

After-Noon.

ably to call me to the
knowledge of thy Grace,
and Faith in Thee. In-
crease this Knowledge,
and confirm this Faith in
me evermore. Give me
the comfort of thy Holy
Spirit, and multiply upon
me thy manifold Gifts of
Grace, the Spirit of Wis-
dom and Understanding,
the Spirit of Counsel and
Ghostly Strength, the
Spirit of Knowledge and
true Godliness; and fill
me, O Lord, with the
Spirit of thy Holy Fear,
through *Christ* our Lord.
Amen.

Rules

At Night.

Rules and Advertisements.

I.

After this, you may pass the rest of the Day in what lawful Recreations or Employments you judge to be meet for you.

II.

Spend some while before Night in Reading, and read with attention: but let your Books be chosen with advice and care, for your instruction and knowledge in all good things, and specially for your Spiritual Benefit.

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At Night.

Retire your self again.

AND when you have thought upon all the day past, how you have spent it, that is, what good or evil Actions you have done, and what bad inclinations you have resisted or amended, asking God pardon for all your Offences, use these Prayers.

The Psalm and Prayers.

LET my Prayer be set forth in thy sight,
O Lord, as the Incense ;
And the lifting up of
my

At Night.

my Hands be as an Evening Sacrifice.

In thee hath been my hope all the Day long, and under the shadow of thy Wings shall be my refuge day and night for ever.

Glory be to——

I.

O Thou brightness of Eternity, by whose Providence both the Day and the Night were created and governed, and who hast made the out-goings of the Morning and Evening

At Night.

ing to praise Thee, mercifully vouchsafe to let the Light of thy Countenance shine upon me with the blessed Beams of thy Goodness and Mercy, that neither the Prince of Darkness may have any power over me, nor the Works of darkness overwhelm me; but that by thy mighty Protection I may be defended both in Body and Soul from all the perils and dangers of this night, and for evermore, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

At Night.

II.

MAke me to remember that the Darknes hideth nothing from Thee, but that to Thee the Night shineth as clear as the Day, to Thee the Darknes and the Light are both alike.

III.

O Be thou merciful unto me, and bless me; shew me the light of thy Countenance, and be merciful unto me.

IV.

INto thy hands I commend my self, my Soul and my Body, and
all

At Night.

all that is mine, for thou
hast made and created
them, and thou hast re-
deemed us, O thou Lord
God of Mercy and Truth.

V.

THou hast Created
all things, and for
thy Will's sake they are,
and were created.

VI.

O Send thy Light and
thy Truth, that
they may preserve me,
and save me, for thy Mer-
cy's sake.

Lord have mercy upon
me.

Christ

At Night.

Christ have mercy upon
me.

Lord have mercy upon
me.

God the Father bleſs me.

God the Son defend me.

God the Holy Ghost pre-
ſerve me now and for
evermore. *Amen.*

Rules and Advertise-
ments.

After this ſpeak not
unnecessarily to any
before you go to ſleep. Re-
member that your Bed is
a representation of the
Grave, and Sleep an Image
of Death. It behoves you
not

At night.

not to lie down in such a
condition as you would be
unwilling to be found or
taken in it.

Bed-Time.

Before you go into your Bed,
kneel down, and say;

Great Ruler of the
Day and Night,
On our Darkneſs caſt thy
Light.

To thee who doſt by reſt
renew

My waſted ſtrength, I
humbly ſue,

That when I ſhall un-
cloſe mine Eyes,

Pure and chaſt I may ariſe,
And make my Morning
Sacrifice. In

Bed-Time.

IN the Name of God I
will lay me down to
sleep, whom I beseech to
bless and preserve me
now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Being laid down to sleep,
lift up your heart to God
and say.*

Lighten mine Eyes, O
thou who dwellest
in Eternal Light, and
have mercy upon me,
that I sleep not in Death.

The Almighty Lord be
now and evermore my
defence against all Perils
and Dangers of this night.
Amen.

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*A most devout Confession
and Prayer for the Re-
mission of Sins.*

I.

I Have sinned before thee, O Lord my God, and done all evil in thy sight. I have sinned sins many in number, of many kinds, in many places, at many times, and often repeated: I have sinned large and great sins; I have sinned hainous and presumptuous sins: They are become burthenfome and heavy; too heavy for me to bear, and their cry reacheth up to Heaven.

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II.

Confession of Sins.

Confession II.

AND what fruit have
I in those things,
whereof I am now asha-
med? My Confusion is
daily before me, and the
shame of my Face hath
covered me.

III.

Moreover my mind
is troubled, and I
am afraid of thy Judg-
ments. Woe unto me,
that I have done these
things.

IV.

SEE, O Lord, how
vile I am become :
and what shall I say? or
how

Confession of Sins.

how shall I open my mouth? or what shall I answer, seeing I have committed all these Sins?

V.

TO whom may I fly for succour? or who shall deliver me from the Body of this Death, and from the multitude of my Transgressions?

VI.

SINCE I can neither say nor do more, I will lift up mine eyes to thee, from whom cometh all my help.

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VII.

Confession of Sins.

VII.

IN many things we offend all, and justly we deserve punishment ; but thy Mercy triumpheth over thy Justice : and if I have known thee, O Lord, thou hast been good and gracious to them that have deserved evil.

VIII.

I Will therefore come boldly to thy Throne of Grace, that I may find Mercy in the time of need.

IX.

HERE I insist, and from the dreadful Throne

Prayer for Pardon.

Throne of thy Justice, I
appeal unto the ever blef-
sed Throne of thy Mercy.

X.

O Suffer me not to pe-
rish in my Sins.
Lord carest thou not that
I perish, who wilt that
all should be saved, and
that none should perish?

XI.

I Am thine, O save me,
I am thine own Crea-
ture, the work of thine
own hands, thy lowly
Servant, thine humble
Handmaid; O despise not
Thou the work of thine
own hands.

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Prayers for Pardon.

XII.

BUT I am a Sinner;
and Thou, O God,
hearest not Sinners.

XIII.

YET consider, O
Lord, of what I am
made; Remember that I
am but Flesh and Dust,
frail and corruptible Flesh,
and as the Dust before the
Wind. Wilt thou break
a bruised Reed? Wilt
thou blast a Leaf driven
to and fro? Wilt thou
pursue the dry Stubble?
Or wilt thou hunt after a
Flea? What shall I say or
do unto Thee, O Thou
Preserver

Prayers for Pardon.

Preserver of the World?

XIV.

Wilt thou be angry
with thy Servant
that prayeth? Behold, I
have heard that they said
in *Israel*, We will go to
the King and say, Let our
Souls live; it may be he
will save us. Is any King
more merciful than
Thou? Thou sparedst *A-*
hab, because he was hum-
ble; Spare me also, O
Lord, for I am humble
before Thee.

XV.

I Cover not, I do not
dissemble, I do not

Prayers for Pardon.

extenuate and lessen my Sins : I freely confess them, I have done exceedingly amiss, I call it often to mind, and I condemn my self for it.

XVI.

Spare me, O God, and accept the Sacrifice of a broken Spirit, a contrite Heart, a troubled Mind, a wounded Conscience, and an afflicted Soul, because I have sinned against thee.

XVII.

Wilt thou have pity upon some, and hast thou made all others

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others for nought? Shall
thine Enemy say, Thou
hast made us to kill us, or
because Thou hatest us, or
that Thou canst not, or
wilt not save us?

XVIII.

FAR be this from
thee: But remem-
ber this, O Lord, how the
Enemy hath reproached
thee, and how the foolish
People have thus blasphe-
med thy Name.

XIX.

FOR what shall then
become of thy great
Name, of the richness of
thy Mercy, which is over

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Prayers for Pardon.

all thy Works, of the
Blood of thy Son, who
died for the Sins of the
World?

XX.

WHEN thou canst
not for any other
cause, yet for thy Mer-
cy's sake, for thine abun-
dant Mercy in Christ,
Thou hast said that thou
wilt pardon us our Sins.

XXI.

WE say rightly, our
Fathers trusted
in Thee: They trusted in
Thee, and thou didst de-
liver them: Deliver me
also, for I have trusted in
Thee.

XXII.

Prayers for Pardon.

XXII.

I Will not let thee go,
except Thou blest me.
Jesus, thou Son of *David*,
thou Son of God, have
mercy upon me.

XXIII.

THine Apostle hath
not said in vain,
that thou camest into the
World to save Sinners.

XXIV.

NOW therefore, O
Lord, be merciful
unto me a sinner, and hear
the Prayer and Supplica-
tion of thy Servant which
I have made before thee,
that thy face may shine
upon

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upon me : and give me,
though I be unworthy,
thy Pardon and Peace.
Amen.

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MEDITATIONS,
CONFESSIONS,

AND

PRAYERS

Before the Receiving
of the Blessed

SACRAMENT.

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I.

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Before you come to the Holy Sacrament.

I.

YOU are to prepare
your self thereunto,

I. By a clean and pure
Conscience.

II. By a clear and assured
Faith.

III. By a full and perfect
Charity.

II.

*The day before you intend
to receive the Blessed Sa-
crament, lay aside all your
thoughts of Worldly af-
fairs, and give your self
to retirement.*

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III.

Fix your Thoughts stedfastly upon God's infinite Greatness, and your own unworthiness to appear before Him.

IV.

And first (as Saint Paul hath directed you) examine your self how you stand in the Faith, Profession and Practice of your Christian Religion, both before God and the World ; how you have spent your time, what Good or Evil you have done, what bad inclinations you have resisted

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*sisted and amended, and
what Offences you have
committed either against
God or Man.*

V.

*Prefixing this Prayer to re-
member them, and to ask
Pardon for them.*

The Prayer.

O My God, I most
humbly beseech
thee to open the Eyes of
my Mind, to cleanse the
Thoughts of my Heart,
that I may see and ac-
knowledge my Sins and
Offences which I have
daily committed in
Thought,

Confession and Preparat.

Tnought, Word, and
Deed, against thy Divine
Majesty; and that duly la-
menting them, I may ob-
tain of thee, the God of all
mercy, perfect remission
and forgiveness, through
Jesus Christ my Blessed
Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*A Particular Confession of
Sins; Referring to the
several Commandments
of Almighty God.*

I Have sinned against
the Lord my God, and
I have offended against
his Holy Laws,

And

for the Sacrament.

And (whereof you shall find your Conscience guilty, accusing your self, and saying :)

I have had vain and idle Thoughts, loose, light, and evil imaginations in many kinds ; I have entertained them long ; I have been negligent in chasing them from my mind ; I have taken pleasure and content in them ; I have been rash and offensive in my Words, wanton and corrupt in my Communications ; and I have not kept my self from Vanity
and

Confession and Preparat.

and Complacency in them: Oftentimes in the frowardness and impatience of my spirit, I have been injurious by them to God and Man. I have been negligent and careless in my actions, living in liberty, and breaking too frequently the Commandments of Almighty God.

I. Whom I have not always set before mine Eye, nor studied to know and seek him (as I ought) above all things; and knowing him, yet I have not acknowledged him,
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for the Sacrament.

t. in reverencing his Power
in and Majesty as I should.

the Yea, I have sometimes
ati doubted of him, misbe-
ave lieving his Promises, and
em not trusting to his Help.
ave I have made Flesh my
re Arm, and put my confi-
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not full of roving and un-
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self divers Imaginations and Forms of GOD's Worship and Religion which he hath not set and establish'd in his Church.

I have been negligent in giving him his external Worship and Honour, not falling down before him with that inward reverence of Spirit and Truth, nor with that outward Order and Humility of my Body which is requisite always to be shewed forth and done before Him.

III. I have often drawn
near

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for the Sacrament.

near unto him with my
lips, when my heart hath
been far from him. I have
too frequently, vainly, and
inconsiderately used his
great and fearful Name,
and in the eagerness of
my Spirit I have not ab-
stained from abusing it
with rash Oaths and Exe-
crations. My Vows and
Promises that I have
made in his Name, I have
not performed: Those
holy things whereon his
sacred Name is set and
imprinted, I have not duly
regarded; and through
my presumptuous vani-
ties,

Confession and Preparat.

ties, I have been an occasion to make his Name be evil spoken of, and profaned by others.

IV. I have often absented my self from the publick Worship and Service of his Holy Assemblies and Sanctuary ; vainly misspending the days that are hallowed to the honour of his great Name.

V. I have not carried that reverence and regard, nor given that due obedience which I ought to them whom God hath placed over me, seeking rather my own will and
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for the Sacrament.

pleasure, than submitting my self to their lawful precepts and advice. I have too much unregarded the Persons of my Betters, and been unthankful to them that have deserv'd well of me.

VI. I have not done to all others, as I would that they should do to me ; I have envied their welfare, the better and more prosperous Life of others above my own. I have often let the reins of my Passion loose to Anger, Malice and Revenge ; uncharitably delight-

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lighting in the mischief and destruction of my own private or peculiar Enemies. When out of my abundance I might have relieved others that were in want, I have many times neglected it.

VII. I have often suffered my fancy and affections to wander licentiously : I have not held mine eyes nor mine ears nor my Tongue from vanity. I have not carefully eschewed the occasions and enticements to corrupt and vain affections : I have not preserved

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ved my Body in that Holiness, Honour, and Purity which becometh the Temple of God.

VIII. I have not reckoned Godliness to be my greatest Gain, nor been content with that which I have.

IX. I have listned to Flattery, and used it towards others: of many I have had evil suspicions, and given rash judgment upon them. Upon my self I have set a greater value than I deserved, and seemed better than I was; that I might gain a

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false reputation from others. And I have often suffered truth to be gainsaid.

X. I am guilty of many inordinate Desires and irregular Affections.

And wo is me that in all these things I have offended: For if in all these things my Heart should not condemn me, God is greater than my Heart, and knoweth all things. But I confess them, and confessing am sorry for them, and being sorry for them, am ready to leave them, his
Grace

for the Sacrament.

Grace thereunto assisting me; and not only to leave them, but to judge my self for them: with all religious lowliness and alacrity, submitting my self freely to the pious directions and advice that shall be given me by my Spiritual Governours and Ministers of God, for shewing forth the fruits of my sorrow and repentance, meet for amendment of life. And though I be altogether unworthy, yet for the Worth and Merits of my Saviour, in whose Merits and

Confession and Preparat.

Mercy I put my whole
Trust and Confidence,
being (as he is) the Pro-
pitiatio[n] not only for my
sins, but for all the sins
of the World, I most
humbly crave pardon and
absolution from them,
and from all my other sins
which I may have now
forgotten, and whereof
my Conscience may be
afraid.

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PRAYERS

AT THE

Holy Communion,

Referring to

I. PURITY.

II. FAITH.

III. CHARITY.

Meditations and Prayers
Meditations and Prayers at
the Holy Communion.

I.

Purity.

I Will wash my Hands
in innocency, O Lord,
and so will I go to thine
Altar ; I will come into
thine House in the multi-
tude of thy Mercies, and
in thy Fear will I worship
thee toward thy holy
Foot-stool. For *Christ*
our Passover is offered ;
Let us therefore keep the
Feast, not with the leaven
of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened
Bread of sincerity and
truth. *The*

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The Prayer.

O Lord, cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that my Body may be made clean by the pure Body of my Saviour *Jesus Christ*, once offered upon the Cross, and that my Soul may be washed by his most precious Blood there shed for me, and that He may abide with me for ever. *Amen.*

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II.

Faith.

I believe, Lord, help
mine unbelief.

I Believe that God our
Heavenly Father did
of his tender mercy give
his only Son *Jesus Christ*
to suffer death upon the
Cross for the Redempti-
on of the World. I be-
lieve that he made there
by the Obligation of him-
self once offered, a per-
fect Sacrifice and satisfac-
tion for our Sins. I be-
lieve that this Sacrament
was ordained for the con-
tinual remembrance of
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at the Communion.

that his Death and Sacrifice, and for the benefits we all receive by it. I believe that I shall here partake of the spiritual Food and most precious Body and Blood of Christ, the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven, the Blood that hath been carried up into the holy places, and the Cup of Eternity. For they that eat of this Bread and drink of this Cup, shall live forever.

The Prayer.

O My God, what art thou to us, that thou shouldst regard

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regarded us to give thy
self for us, to give thy
self to us, to be one with
us, that we may have life
in us, even life immortal,
which will quicken us,
and raise us up at the last
day? O my Lord, I am
not worthy, not worthy
the least of thy Mercies;
how much less of this,
which is the greatest,
greater than the World,
greater than the Hea-
vens, greater than all the
Treasures of Heaven and
Earth; but, I beseech
Thee look upon me in
the Greatness of thy Mer-
cies,

at the Communion.

cies, not weighing my
Merits, but pardoning
mine Offences. *Amen.*

III.

Charity.

THis is a Sacrament
of Love, and this
is thy Commandment,
that we should love one
another, even as thou
hast loved us : for we be-
ing many, are one Body,
whereof Christ our Lord
is the Head.

The Prayers.

O Thou Blessed and
undivided Trinity,
which teachest us that all
our

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our doings without Love
and Unity are nothing
worth, send into all our
hearts that most excellent
gift of Charity, and in-
flame our Souls with the
celestial Fire of thy Love,
that living together in
unity of Spirit and the
bond of Peace among our
selves; we may perfectly
love Thee, and worthily
magnifie thy holy Name,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Afore the Communion.

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*Privately to be used before
the Receiving of the Ho-
ly Communion.*

O God the Father,
God the Son, and
God the Holy Ghost; God
the most holy, blessed, and
glorious Trinity,

Have mercy upon me.

O Thou immaculate
Lamb of God, who ta-
kest away the sins of the
World,

Have mercy upon me.

O Christ the Eternal
Son of the Father, the Re-
deemer and Preserver of
Men, the Bread and Life
of

Afore the Communion.

of the World, the Author and Finisher of our Faith, the Great Mystery of Godliness, the Word that was made Flesh, to save thy Servants from their sins,

Have mercy upon me.

Save me, O God ; for I come unto Thee in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear will I fall down and worship Thee in thy Holy Temple, that Thou mayst

Have mercy upon me.

Call to remembrance O Lord, thy tender Mercies, and thy loving kind-

Afore the Communion.

kindness which hath been
ever of old : O remem-
ber not the sins and frail-
ties of thy Servant, but
spare me, O Lord, spare
me for thy Goodness,
and

Have mercy upon me.

From my unworthiness
to receive thy blessed Bo-
dy and Blood, by which
thou hast redeemed me ;
from all carnal, vain,
and earthly Imaginations
in this thy Holy Sacra-
ment, from all misbe-
lief and incredulity of
thy Word ; from all de-
fects of Sanctity, Love,
and

Afore the Communion.

and Charity : from all my
Sins and Iniquities.

Good Lord deliver me.

By that fervent ardor
of Goodness and Charity
wherewith thou camest
down from Heaven ; by
thy blessed Cross and
Passion, and by the my-
sterious institution of this
thy Holy Sacrament ;

Good Lord deliver me.

By thy most sacred Bo-
dy, which was broken &
crucified ; by thy most
precious Blood, which was
shed and poured forth for
the Sins of the World ;

Good Lord deliver me.

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Afore the Communion.

O Lord God, I beseech thee to hear me, and that it may please thee to give us all true Faith and Repentance, with devout humility and Reverence, rightly and duly to celebrate this thy holy Sacrament, in memory of thy most hallowed, true, and propitiatory Sacrifice, with a firm Faith to receive thy blessed Mysteries, and to give thanks unto thy Name.

*O Lord, I beseech thee
to hear me.*

That it may please thee
to accept this our boun-
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Afore the Communion.

den duty and service, our
Sacrifice of Praise and
Thanksgiving, the Me-
morial that we now make
of thine own death and
Sacrifice, which was once
offered for us, and to grant
that by the Merits and
Power thereof, we and
all thy Servants may re-
ceive remission of our
sins, and be filled with
thy Grace and Heavenly
Benediction.

*O Lord, I beseech thee
to hear me.*

O Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father,
thou that takest away
the

Afore the Communion.

the Sins of the World,

Receive my Prayer.

When you are ready to receive the Holy Sacrament in each kind, do it with the greatest reverence and devotion that you may, (yet without all affectation and singularity) lifting up your hands and your heart to God.

And after you have Received, lift up your hands again, and say devoutly with your self, while others receive ;

I.

Blessed art thou, O
Lord ; Blessing and
Honour

Afore the Communion.

Honour and Glory be
unto thee, O thou Lamb
of God, for evermore.
Amen.

II.

This is the Lord's do-
ing, and it is marvellous
in our eyes.

III.

I will magnifie thee, O
Lord, and will praise thy
Name for ever and ever.

IV.

All thy Works praise
thee, O Lord, and thy
Saints give thanks unto
thee.

V.

Happy are those Ser-
vants

Afore the Communion.

beants whom when their
mbord cometh he shall find
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VI.

Salvation, and Blessing,
and Honour, be unto him
that sitteth upon the
Throne of Heaven, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

*Thanksgiving after the
Holy Communion.*

Blessed art Thou, O
Lord God, and blef-
ed be thy Holy Name
or ever, who hast now
ouchsafed to feed me
with the Bread of Life,
and hast given me to
drink

After the Communion.

drink the Cup of Eternity, the holy and heavenly Mysteries of the Body and Blood of my Saviour, thereby assuring my Soul of thy Favour and Goodness towards me, for the sealing of my Faith, for the pardon of my Sins, for the obtaining of my Peace, and all other Benefits of Christ's blessed Passion.

I now most humbly beseech thee to assist me with thy Heavenly Grace, that I may continue thine for ever, and be made a Temple of thy Holy

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having now Christ dwell-
ing in me by Faith, I
may accomplish the rest
of my Life in Repentance
and Godly Fear, in mor-
tifying my own sinful
Desires, and in keeping
thy Holy Command-
ments. For which end
guide me with thy Pow-
er, enlighten me with
thy Word, and quick-
en me with thy Spi-
rit. Elevate my Senses,
compose my Manners,
and order my Conversa-
tion aright ; for thou art
able to do abundantly
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After the Communion.

above all that I can ask or
think: by which thy great
and bountiful Goodness
towards me, thou wilt
glorifie thy Name in me,
and bring me at last to
thine Eternal Kingdom
of Glory, through him
who is the King of Glory,
my blessed Lord and Sa-
viour *Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Heb. 13. **T**He God of
Peace who
brought again from the
Dead our Lord *Jesus*
Christ, the great Shep-
herd of his Flock,
through the Blood of his
Ever-

After the Communion.

Everlasting Testament,
make me perfect in every
good work to do his Will,
and that which is well-
pleasing in his sight
through the same *Jesus*
Christ our Lord : To
whom with the Father
and the Holy Ghost be
Glory for ever. *Amen.*

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PRAYERS

*When you are upon a
Journey.*

I.

THe Almighty Lord
be now and ever-
more my defence, to bleſs
me and preſerve me from
all evil in my going out,
and my coming in, and
give his Angels charge
over me, to keep me in
all my ways.

II.

IF God will be with
me, and keep me in
this way that I go, ſo that
I come to my home in
Peace; then ſhall I give
F 3 Thanks

Prayers upon a Journey.

Thanks and pay my
Vows unto him.

III.

O God, who knowest
us to be set in the
midst of many dangers,
grant that by thy mighty
aid I may be defended
from all things that may
hurt me either in Body
or Soul, through *Christ*
our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

Dispose and Govern
the way of thy
Servant, O Lord, and fur-
ther me with thy graci-
ous and continual help,
that in all my doings be-
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Prayers upon a Journey.

gun, continued, and ended in Thee, I may glorifie thy holy Name, and keep my self by thy most mighty protection in the ways of thy Laws, and paths of thy Commandments, for the attainment of everlasting Rest and peace in thy Heavenly Kingdom, through *Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

V.

S Hew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy Paths; for I lift up my Soul unto thee. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me; for thou art the

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Prayers in time of danger.

God of my Salvation: in thee hath been my hope all the day long. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

In the time of any sudden danger or distress.

I.

Almighty and Everlasting God, mercifully look upon me, and in this time of danger and necessity stretch forth thine hand to succour and defend me, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

THe Almighty Lord, who is a strong Tower

Prayers in time of danger.

Tower of defence against
all the Perils, Assaults,
and Tribulations of this
World, be now and ever-
more my Aid and Pro-
tector, through *Jesus*
Christ our blessed Lord
and Saviour. *Amen.*

III.

From Lightning and
Tempest, from all
Evil and Mischief, and
from sudden death,
Good Lord deliver me.

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P R A Y E R S

*In the time of Sicknes and
Affliction.*

I.

SAve me, O King of
Heaven, and hear me
when I call upon Thee,
for I am in affliction and
heaviness. Thou art a de-
fence for the oppressed,
and a refuge in the need-
ful time of trouble: look
down from Heaven and
visit me with thy Salva-
tion.

II.

I Know that it is thy
hand, and that thou
Lord hast done it, and
thy doings are always
just:

Prayers in time of Sicknes.

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just : but thou art also
good and gracious, and of
great mercy to them that
call upon Thee. Thou up-
holdest all them that are
fallen, and liftest up those
that be down.

III.

I Know that of very
faithfulness thou hast
caused me to be troubled
that I might call upon thy
Name.

IV.

A Nd now, Lord, what
is my hope? Truly
my hope is even in Thee
For thou art the hope
of all the ends of the
Earth

Prayers in time of Sicknes.

Earth, the aid of all that
need, the help of all that
fly to thee for Succour,
O turn thee unto me, and
shew me the light of thy
Countenance, that I may
be made whole, and give
thanks unto thy Name.

V.

O God, favourably
with mercy hear my
Prayers, and grant that
all those things which I
suffer for my sins, I may
well pass and over-come,
by thy most gracious and
ready help, through
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Prayers in time of Sicknes.

VI.

O Do well unto thy
Servant, that I may
live and keep thy Com-
mandments.

VII.

Mercifully, O Lord,
look upon mine
Infirmity, and for the
Glory of thy Name turn
from me all those Evils
that I most righteously
have deserved, and grant
that in all my troubles I
may put my whole trust
and confidence in thy
Mercy, and evermore
serve thee in holiness and
pureness of living, to thy
honour

Prayers in time of Sickneſſ.

Honour , and Glory,
through our only Medi-
ator and Advocate *Jeſus*
Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Meditations in the time of
Sickneſs, upon the great
Mercies of God.

I.

WHen we are judg-
ed, we are chaſt-
ned of the Lord, that we
may not be condemned
with the World.

II.

Refuſe not the corre-
ction of the Almigh-
ty : it is the Lord, let him
do what ſeems good in his
own Eyes.

III.

Meditations in Sickneß.

III.

AS it pleaseth the Lord, so cometh every thing to pass : Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

IV.

GOD is the Lord of Life and Death, of sickness and of health, by whose appointment we were born, and by whose commandment again we must die ; our time is in his hand, and to him belong the issues of Death.

V.

GOD is meek and gentle , ready to accept our sorrow and repentance for sin.

VI.

Meditations in Sicknes.

VI.

HE is exceeding slow to anger, and not easily provoked; he seeth our sins, and makes as if he saw them not; he many times over-looketh them, and by his long-suffering passeth them by as loth to see them.

VII.

WHen he cannot but see, yet he forbears, and is patient: Forbears long, suffers long, many times, many years.

VIII.

WHen he can suffer, & stay no longer, but

Meditations in Sicknes.

but punish he must, he doth it against his will ; and when he is angry, he containeth himself in it, and suffereth not his whole displeasure to arise.

IX.

HE is angry, but not according to our deserts, nothing so much ; He is angry, but not long, it endures but a little while, and in his wrath he thinketh upon mercy ; he thinks every stripe two, and is quickly weary ; he repents him of the evil, and is soon appeased.

X.

Meditations in Sicknes.

X.

HE will have none to perish, but have all to be saved ; he willeth not the death of a sinner, but that he should repent and live.

XI.

NOT of any Sinner ; not of *Manasses*, not of *Rahab*, not of *Mary Magdalen* ; not of Saint *Paul*, who was once a chief Sinner.

XII.

FOR Christ came into the World to save Sinners, and of them that come unto him he casteth none out. A

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A Thanksgiving after Recovery from Sickness.

I:

O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with thy Servant, according to thy great Goodness and Mercy. Before I was troubled, I went astray ; but now I will take heed to my ways, that I swerve not from thy Precepts. It is good for me that I have been in trouble, that I may learn to obey thy Commandments.

II.

Thanksgiving after Sickn.

II.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and true are thy Judgments.. Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me, but my sure trust hath been in thy Mercy. O let my Soul live, and it shall praise Thee, and thy Judgments shall help me.

III.

I Will always give thanks unto the Lord, his Praise shall be ever in my mouth. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me: Thou hast turned my
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Thanksgiving after Sickn.

1, O heaviness into joy, and
are girded me with gladness,
ble therefore will I sing of
ren thy Praise without cea-
my sing, and give thanks un-
hy to Thee for ever.

IV.

I Sought the Lord, and
he heard me, and de-
livered me out of all my
trouble: for the Angel
of the Lord tarrieth
round about them that
fear him, and delivereth
them. The Eyes of the
Lord are over the righte-
ous, and his Ears are o-
pen unto their Prayers.

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V.

WHat reward shall
I give unto the
Lord for all the benefits
that he hath done unto
me? I will take the Cup
of Salvation, and call up-
on the Name of the Lord.
I will offer to Thee the
Sacrifice of Thanksgi-
ving, evermore praising
Thee, and saying, O Ho-
ly Lord God Almighty,
Thou art worthy, O
Lord, to receive Honour,
and Glory, and Power:
for Thou hast created all
things, and for thy Will's
fake they are and were
created.

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Blessing, and Honour, and Glory, and Thanksgiving, and Power, and Might, be unto the Lord our God for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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*Prayers for the Church
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Prayer I.

O Blessed Lord, who
in thine infinite
mercy didst vouchsafe to
plant a glorious Church
among us, and now in thy
just judgment hast per-
mitted our sins and fol-
lies to root it up; be
pleased at last to resume
thoughts of Peace to-
wards us, that we may do
the like to one another.

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Lord,

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Lord, look down from Heaven, the Habitation of thy Holiness, and behold the Ruines of a desolate Church; and compassionate to see her in the dust. Behold her, O Lord, not only broken but crumbled, divided into so many Sects and Fractions, that she no longer represents the Ark of the God of *Israel*, where the Covenant and the Manna were Conser-ved, but the Ark of *Noah*, filled with all various sorts of unclean Beasts: and to compleat our misery

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fery and guilt, the Spirit of Division hath insinuated it self as well into our Affections as our Judgments; that Badge of Discipleship which thou recommendedst to us, is cast off, and all the contrary wrath and bitterness, anger and clamour, called in to maintain and widen our breaches. O Lord, how long shall we thus violate and defame that Gospel of Peace that we profess? How long shall we thus madly defeat our selves, lose that Christianity which we

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pretend to strive for? O thou which makest Men to be of one mind in an House, be pleased so to unite us, that we may be perfectly joyn'd together in the same mind, and in the same judgment. And now that in Civil Affairs there seems some aptness to a composure, O let not our Spiritual Differences be more unreconcilable. Lord, let not the roughest winds blow out of the Sanctuary, let not those which should be Embassadors for Peace, still sound a Trumpet for War :

Church and State.

O War : but do thou reveal
thy self to all our *Eliahs*
in that still small Voice,
which may teach them
to echo thee in the like
meek treating with o-
thers. Lord let no unsea-
sonable stiffness of those
that are in the right, no
perverse obstinacy of
those that are in the
wrong, hinder the closing
of our wounds; but let the
one instruct in meekness,
and be thou pleased to
give the other repentance
to the acknowledgment
of the truth. To this end,
do thou, O Lord, mollifie

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all exasperate minds, take off all animosities and prejudices, contempt and heart-burnings, and by uniting their hearts, prepare for the reconciling their opinions: And that nothing may intercept the clear sight of thy truth, Lord, let all private and secular Designs be totally deposited, that gain may no longer be the measure of our Godliness, but that the one great and common concernment of Truth and Peace may be unanimously and vigorously pur-

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purſued. Lord, the hearts
of all Men are in thy
hands, O be thou pleaſed
to let thy Spirit of Peace
overſhadow the minds of
all contending Parties ;
and if it be thy will, re-
ſtore this Church to her
priſtine ſtate, renew her
days as of old ; let her
eſcape out of *Egypt* be ſo
entire, that not an hoof
may be left behind : but if
thy Wiſdom ſee it not yet
a ſeaſon for ſo full a deli-
verance, Lord, defer not,
we beſeech thee, ſuch a
degree of it, as may at
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if she cannot recover her Beauty, yet, O Lord, grant her Health, such a soundness of Constitution as may preserve her from dissolution. Let thy Providence find out some good *Samaritans* to cure her present Wounds: and to whomsoever thou shalt commit that important Work, Lord, give them skilful hands and compassionate hearts; direct them to such applications as may most speedily, and yet most soundly heal the hurt of the Daughter of *Sion*; and
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make them so advert to the Interests both of Truth and Peace, that no lawful condescension may be omitted, nor any unlawful made. And do thou who art both the wonderful Counsellor and Prince of Peace, so guide and prosper all Pacifick endeavours, that all our distractions may be composed, and our *Jerusalem* may again become a City at unity in it self; that those happy Primitive days may at length revert, wherein Vice was the only Here-
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se; that all our intestine contentions may be converted into a vigorous opposition of our common Enemy; our unbrotherly Feuds into a Christian Zeal against all that exalts it self against the obedience of *Christ*. Lord hear us, and ordain Peace for us, even for his sake whom thou hast ordained our Peace-maker, *Jesus Christ* our Lord.

Prayer II.

O Most gracious Lord who dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the Children of Men, who smitest

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tunity of our ſins enforce
thee, and then correcteſt
in meaſure; we thy un-
worthy Creatures hum-
bly acknowledge that we
have abundantly taſted
of this patience and leni-
ty of thine. To what an
enormous height were
our ſins arrived, e're thou
began'ſt to viſit them!
and when thou couldſt
no longer forbear, yet ma-
ſtering thy Power, thou
haſt not proportion'd thy
vengeance to our crimes,
but to thy own gracious
design of reducing and
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reclaiming us. Lord had
the first stroke of thy
hand been extermina-
tings, our guilts had ju-
stified the method; but
thou hast proceeded by
such easie and gentle
degrees, as witness how
much thou desired'st to
be interrupted, and shew
us, that all that sad
weight we have long
groaned under, hath been
accumulated only by our
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drofs wastes not, but increases ; and it is owing only to thy unspeakable Mercy, that we, who would not be purified, are not consumed ; that we remain a Nation, who cease not to be a most sinful and provoking Nation. O Lord, let not this long-suffering of thine serve only to upbraid our obstinacy, and enhance our guilt ; but let it at last have the proper effect on us, melt our hearts, and lead us to repentance. And O that this may be the day for us,

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us, thus to discern the things that belong to our Peace ! that all who are (yea, and all who are not) cast down this day in an external humiliati- on, may by the operation of thy mighty Spirit have their Souls laid prostrate before thee in a sincere contrition ! O thou who canst out of the very stones raise up Children unto *Abraham*, work our stony flinty hearts into such a temper as may be malleable to the impres- sions of thy Grace, that all the sinners in *Sion* may tremble ;

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tremble ; that we may not by a persevering obstinacy seal to our selves both temporal and eternal ruine, but instead of our mutinous complaining at the punishments of our sins, search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. O be thou pleased to grant us this one grand fundamental Mercy, that we, who so impatiently thirst after a change without us, may render that possible and safe by this better and more necessary change within us ; that our sins
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may not, as they have so often done, interpose and eclipse that light which now begins to break out upon us. Lord, thy Dove seems to approach us with an Olive Branch in her mouth ; Oh let not our filth and noisomness chase her away ; but grant us that true repentance which may atone thee, and that Christian Charity which may reconcile us with one another. Lord, let not our breach either with thee, or among our selves, be incurable, but by making
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up the first, prepare us for the healing of the latter. And because, O Lord, the way to make us one Fold is to have one Shepherd, be pleased to put us all under the conduct of him to whom that charge belongs ; bow the hearts of this People as of one Man, that the only contention may be, who shall be most forward in bringing back our *David*. O let none reflect on their past Guilts, as an Argument to persevere, but repent, and to make their return so sincere as may

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may qualifie them, not only for his but thy Mercy. And, Lord, be pleased so to guide the hearts of all who shall be intrusted with that great Concernment of settling this Nation, that they may weigh all their deliberations in the Balance of the Sanctuary, that Conscience, not Interest, may be the ruling principle, and that they may render to *Cæsar* the things that are *Cæsar's*, and to God the things that are God's; that they may become healers of
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our breaches, and happy Repairers of the sad Ruines both in Church and State: And grant, O Lord, that as those sins which made them are become National, so the repentance may be National also, and that evidenc'd by the proper fruits of it, by zeal of restoring the rights both of thee and thine Anointed. And do thou, O Lord, so dispose all hearts, and remove all obstacles, that none may have the will, much less the power, to hinder his peaceable restitution

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tution. And, Lord, let him bring with him an heart so intirely devoted to thee, that he may wish his own Honour only as a means to advance thine. O let the Precepts and Example of his blessed Father never depart from his Mind ; and as thou wert pleas'd to perfect the one by suffering, so perfect the other by acting thy will ; that He may be a blessed Instrument of replanting the power in stead of the form of Godliness among us, of restoring Christian
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vertue in a profane and almost barbarous Nation. And if any wish him for any distant ends, if any desire his shadow as a shelter for their riots and licentiousness, O let him come a great, but happy defeat to all such, not bring fuel, but cure to their inordinate appetites; and by his example as a Christian, and his Authority as a King, so invite to good, and restrain from evil, that he may not only release our temporal, but our spiritual Bondage, suppress those
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foul and scandalous Vices which have so long captivated us, and by securing our inward, provide for the perpetuating our outward Peace. Lord, establish thou his Throne in Righteousness, make him a signal instrument of thy glory and our happiness, and let him reap the fruits of it in comfort here, and in bliss hereafter; so that this Earthly Crown may serve to enhance and enrich his Heavenly. Grant this, O King of Kings, for the sake and intercession of our Blessed Mediator *Jesus Christ.*

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